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SUBJ: 1958 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

REF: STATE 215821

1. REFTEL WAS DRAFTED BEFORE RECENT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CONTEXT.

2. RATHER THAN ATTEMPT A PRECIPITATE SET OF JUDGMENTS WE WOULD SIMPLY REFER DEPARTMENT TO OUR RECENT REPORTING ON ACTIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. WE WILL TRY TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE EVENTS OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WHICH WOULD BE RELEVANT TO SUCH A REPORT BUT WE SUSPECT THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION HERE WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS IN ANY DRAFT REPORT AS THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE.

3. NEW GOI IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO SUBSTANTIALLY MORE LIBERAL POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE THAN ANY OF ITS PREDECESSORS SINCE EARLY 1963. GOI HAS ALREADY TAKEN INITIATIVE TO OPEN UP PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL PARTIES (TEHRAN 8283) AND HAS MADE OVERTURES TOWARDS RELIGIOUS GROUPS (TEHRAN 8191). VIOLENCE STILL CONTINUES, HOWEVER, AND TRUE CIVIC PEACE HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED. NEW GOVERNMENT HAS MADE APPROPRIATE LIBERAL COMMENTS ABOUT POLITICAL PRISONERS AND INTENDS TO RELEASE SOME,  
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PERHAPS MANY, AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.  
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